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## Father Pleads to Fatally Stabbing Son

A 39-year-old man pleaded no contest today to stabbing his young son to death last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alejandro Santoyo Sanchez pleaded no contest to one count of second-degree murder in case VA136936. Additionally, the defendant admitted a special allegation that he personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, in the commission of the crime.

Sanchez is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 3 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Metropolitan Branch in Department 69. The defendant faces 16 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Araceli Otero, who prosecuted the case, said on Sept. 17, 2014, Sanchez's neighbors heard a commotion and saw Sanchez outside with blood on his body.

The neighbors then went to check on Sanchez's 6-year-old son and discovered he also was covered in blood, the prosecutor added.

At that point, authorities were called. The boy was taken to a nearby hospital for medical treatment, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

Soon after the incident, Sanchez was arrested in connection with the killing.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.